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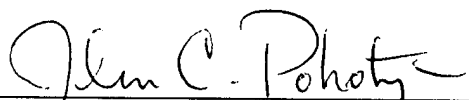
Rejected claims 14-27 have been cancelled. Each of the remaining claims, 1-10, has been allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the applicant requests that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

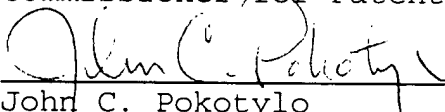
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